

EVERY TRUE AMERICAN WANTS TO SEE THE GERMAN ARMY CRUSHED. HELP DO IT BY BUYING WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

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MILK, KAHR AND FETERITA DEVELOPED BY WAR INTO MONEY CROPS OF STATE

Need for Wheat Substitutes Brings Higher Than Indian Corn Price of Grains That Went Begging Few Years Ago.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 22.—The silver lining to the food shortage war-cloud in New Mexico is the fact that the search for wheat flour substitutes has developed into big money crops and popular foods three cereals that ten years ago were curiosities and regarded fit only for stock feed.

These are milo maize, kafr corn and feterita.

Under stress of war New Mexico has learned that those great drought resistant, which can be grown practically anywhere in the state, are splendid for human food; milo are grinding them, consumers are snatching their lips over them and New Mexico has a tremendous opportunity to save wheat to win the war.

Commercially New Mexico will benefit materially from this phase of the war emergency.

A few years ago when growers of milo maize tried to sell it in the Deming district, merchants and stockmen alike were ignorant of its feeding value and its price was two-thirds to one-half that of Indian corn. The three "little strangers" met with a cold reception; buyers were no more interested in kafr and feterita than milo.

Now it is recognized that they are even more palatable as human food than corn and they command a higher price than corn. These non-saccharine sorghums are raised successfully anywhere not over 6,000 feet elevation; with careful cultivation, seed selection and adaptation, the food administrator is confident they can be raised in any agricultural district in the state.

"Farmers," says the administrator, "can produce an average of 25 to 50 bushels an acre safely, under reasonable conditions and with good cultural methods. They should contend with beans for the distinction of being the big cash money crops of New Mexico. The war has brought both New Mexico pinto beans and sorghum into their own. "Feterita flour," says Mr. Ely, "is as tasty as buckwheat, it is not as heating and is less disturbing to the digestive system."

The state food commissioner is deeply gratified at the splendid spirit of co-operation by New Mexico business men in the task of conserving wheat.

While the job of procuring substitutes to follow the 50-50 rule has not been easy, there has not been a single complaint nor protest; everyone has been cheerful and everyone is working his level best to comply with the rule.

The Deming Roller Mills have installed a process for grinding milo maize flour and the flour is increasing in popularity by leaps and bounds. This plant bought from G. D. Garfield of Missa a carload of milo at \$2.00 and the same grower has three more carloads available.

The Globe Mills of El Paso wired the food administrator they had 60,000 pounds of white corn meal over local demand which Los Angeles wanted. The administrator wired merchants in the southern part of the state urging them to order small shipments at once to supply the local trade.

It is believed that as soon as the temporary demand is satisfied and car shipments can be made the price of corn meal will come down. While there was a big eastern crop, early frosts and wet weather produced much "soft" corn.

The Forty-Eight Star mill in Albuquerque is grinding corn and will soon be able to supply the demand in Albuquerque and outside points.

Bond & Kohl at Espanola have located a good supply of corn. They are grinding native corn for local consumption, but as soon as the other arrives will be able to supply outside demands. This will be a big help in the Upper Rio Grande country.

Two mills in Las Vegas are grinding milo corn as fast as they can procure it. They are not yet able to handle all the local demand, but the situation is relieved there.

The Glovis Mill and Elevator Co., while it has had difficulty in getting enough milo, is grinding milo, feterita and kafr and will soon be able to care for the outside trade.

JOHNSON-TARWATTER

Miss Viola Tarwatter and Mr. Otto Johnson, both of Columbus, N. M., were married at the home of the groom's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Johnson, at El Paso, Tex., Thursday.

The young couple left Columbus Wednesday morning on the Golden State for El Paso, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Houbin Peterson, Miss Nona Johnson and Bob Tarwatter, and were married Thursday evening. Rev. W. D. Johnson, father of the groom, performed the wedding ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will remain in El Paso until Sunday returning then to Columbus, where they will make their home. Mr. Johnson has been a resident of the valley for several years and is well known and liked by the people of this place. Mr. Johnson is a member of the firm of Johnson Bros., who are the proprietors of the Palace Market.

MR. HOOVER PRACTICES JUST WHAT HE PREACHES

"The Hoover home in Washington is a modest, unassuming, comfortable, sugarless, cakeless, pieless establishment. The Hoover household practices to the letter all conservation principles which Mr. Hoover has outlined for the nation, through the United States food administration."

Miss Katherine Jewell Everts, leading authority in the United States on the technique of the speaking voice, who arrived today in Los Angeles, is sponsor for the statement. She comes as a volunteer worker for the United States food administration, directly from the home of the Hoovers, where she has been a guest for the last six weeks.

Observing the most rigid of rules no member of Mr. Hoover's household violates any of the food doctrines of the nation," said Miss Everts in her apartment at Garden Court. Placed on short rations of coal, purposely, to aid the conservation of coal in the recent acute shortage of coal, the Hoovers are suffering the same discomfort and inconveniences from lack of heat that thousands of others have suffered throughout the nation. I had the pleasure of freezing along with them."

Miss Everts told how the Hoovers keep open house for the dignitaries of the nation, who rather even at breakfast to talk over some "rather inextinguishable" food problems. Through the discussions of the food situation she acquainted herself thoroughly with facts and facts equipped to disseminate authorized information that the civilian nation should know, in order to co-operate with the military nation.

"The spirit of the food administration household is wonderfully inspiring for its active and practical patriotism. Mr. Hoover is an idealist, but a man of tremendous vision. He has proved himself a great organizer."

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TWELFTH CAVALRY STANDARD

Is the name of a new publication which will make its first appearance Saturday, February 23. It will be published in the regimental print shop in the camp here. Chaplain Milton O. Beebe's name will appear as editor, and Regimental Sergeant Major A. O. Lapierre as business manager. The type will be set in the Courier plant.

The shortage of substitutes has been decided in the Pecos Valley, but several mills are ready to grind as soon as they can get substitutes. The same drought that hit the live stock last year impaired the cereal crop.

"Many smaller plants are serving just as efficiently as the larger mills," said Mr. Ely. "Our people are keenly realizing the national wheat emergency and are meeting the crisis magnificently. They are going on the 50-50 basis cheerfully and making good. New Mexico should be proud of her ready resourcefulness and practical patriotism."

\$2.50 PROFIT ALLOWED ON COAL

All persons who have any complaints in regard to any retail prices now in force in Luna county should file those complaints either with the local fuel committee, which consists of M. A. Nordhaus, chairman; Chris Cotton and Ed. Foulks, or with the legal department of the national fuel administration in Washington. I have instructed local fuel committees to the effect that no retailer anywhere in New Mexico shall be allowed a gross margin of over \$2.50 in any case without a recommendation from the local fuel committee for the same with an order allowing the same from the federal fuel administrator.—W. C. McDonald, Federal Fuel Administrator for New Mexico.

LINOTYPE MAN VISITS THE COURIER OFFICE

Ira Bacon, salesman and machinist for the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, was a visitor in Columbus Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Bacon sold the Courier the linotype that was destroyed in the fire on the 14th of March, last year; erected it, and was here several months afterward to see how it was working. One week from the day he left he received notice by wire that the shop had been burned and that another machine was needed. He returned to Columbus and sold the Model B machine that is now in use in the Courier plant, and when it arrived he returned and erected this linotype. While here this week he went over the machine very thoroughly and reported it in first-class condition.

The Mergenthaler Company realizes that such a machine as a linotype cannot be made fool-proof, and when a machine is placed in a country town where ordinarily there are no machinists they very often send a man at their expense to see how everything goes.

Mr. Bacon was a guest at dinner Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Parks.

BIG PUBLIC AUCTION OF STATE LANDS

Clayton, N. M., Feb. 21.—St. Valentine's day was celebrated here with another big public auction of state lands, conducted by State Land Commissioner Robert P. Ervin and a number of assistants, in which a total of 92,100.64 acres brought the state a total purchase price of \$528,057.52, or an average of \$5.73 cents per acre. The sixty-nine tracts sold ranged in acreage from 40 to 26,000, but the large majority were small tracts, fifty-three of the sixty-nine tracts being of 640 acres or less. Several hundred bidders and spectators filled the court room where the sale was held and bidding was active on a majority of the tracts. The best prices were realized on a number of school sections, one of these bringing \$18.30 per acre, the high price of the sale. A tract of 2,900 acres sold for \$16.00 per acre, and another of 2,948 acres for \$14.65 per acre. Bids up to \$7.98 and \$9 per acre were frequent. While the average sold was not as large as that in the Luna county state land sale of April, 1917, the activity in bidding and prices paid indicated that there has been no decrease in the demand for state land in this section, or the willingness of farmers and stockmen to bid what are regarded as fancy prices for them. Practically all the successful bidders in the sale here were citizens of New Mexico, although a number of bidders from other states were present and a number of tracts were bought by stockmen from Texas and Oklahoma.

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CHICKEN DINNER GIVEN BY BAPTIST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Baptist Women's Auxiliary gave a chicken dinner Saturday, February 9, at the old Buft's Drug store building, which was a success in quality and return.

As the net proceeds were to be equitably divided between the Auxiliary fund and the Red Cross fund, quite a number of ladies out of the society lent valuable assistance. Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Beck roasted chickens most skillfully, and Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Lieutenant Blair sent in delicious pies. Mrs. James Lawrence, Bannister and D. T. Walker were an immense help through the entire serving. Mrs. Money, besides donating a dollar and a handsome cake, rushed blithely into the kitchen during her own hour to wash the dish-cloth and cup-towel. All of these ladies have the warmest thanks of the auxiliary.

Five young girls—Misses Gert Aaron, Gertrude and Grace Sel, Vera Chaffin and Susie McCut—brought out the tables during dinner and so deftly, so gracefully, so unobtrusively, did they attend the guests it was a pleasure to watch them as well as to be served by them. The auxiliary cannot express to them how much their help was appreciated.

The net returns were \$32.50, one-half of which will go to the Red Cross fund. If anyone who assisted has been omitted, we crave pardon, as it would most certainly be an error of the head and not of the heart.

These making voluntary donations of money were: Mrs. Money, \$1; Mrs. J. W. Blair, \$1; Mr. J. H. Blair, \$1; and Mr. A. J. Evans, \$1.

ENCHILADA SUPPER

The Baptist Ladies' Auxiliary will give an Enchilada supper at the lodge next Friday evening, beginning at 5 o'clock. The proceeds will be used to help pay for the new piano at the Baptist church. Everybody welcome.

MESDAEMES PEACH AND RITCHIE ENTERTAIN LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. W. T. Ritchie Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Peach and Mrs. Ritchie entertained. Delicious punch was served and an entire and all talk part in a guessing contest, in which Mrs. A. J. Wolf won first prize and Mrs. R. W. Elliott winning the "social" prize. Decorations were small red hatched, cherries and national colors in memory of Washington's birthday. Dinner refreshments were served by the hostesses and music was enjoyed by all. The guests all departed wishing for more such occasions.

WEDNESDAY WAS SHOW LESS NIGHT IN COLUMBUS

There was no show at the Columbus theater Wednesday evening on account of films failing to arrive. The films are due to arrive one day ahead of time, but for some reason or other they failed to show up Tuesday for Wednesday's program, and the Golden State Limited was six hours late Wednesday and the only thing that could be done was to offer excuses and explain about the double program coming on Thursday. The management was very much pained with the concern responsible for the delay, and threatens to buy their programs elsewhere, and inform their patrons that this will not happen again.

MUST RAISE OUR RATES

Due to increased cost of print paper and prices in general, we are compelled to increase some of our prices. From this date on publications of notices of homestead final proofs will be charged at \$10. This is an increase of \$2.50, and brings our fee up to that charged by other newspapers, our rate having been lower than customary. This rate does not apply to notices now being published in the Courier.

The Columbus-Deming stage, run by A. J. Evans, has changed the time table as follows: Leaves Columbus at 1 p. m., arriving at Deming at 3 p. m.; leaves Deming at 4, returning to Columbus at 6 p. m.

Boost Columbus by patronizing her industries.

SOLDIER AND SAILOR ARE PROTECTED BY INSURANCE

Every American soldier or sailor lost on the torpedoed transport Tuscania was protected by the United States government insurance and government compensation. This has been officially announced by Secretary McAdoo.

Those who had not applied for insurance were covered by the automatic insurance under the law which is payable to a wife, child, or widowed mother. This automatic insurance aggregates \$4,300, netting \$25 a month for 240 months.

Of those who had applied for and obtained insurance many had taken out the maximum amount of \$10,000, netting \$57.50 a month for 240 months.

There have been various causes for delay in forwarding checks to the dependents of soldiers and sailors.

The distance of many of the applicants from Washington and the mail congestion prevailing more or less all over the country have caused delay both in the receipt of the applications by the treasury and the receipt of the checks by the beneficiaries.

Another cause is that of the checks sent out—10,000—could not be delivered because the dependents in whom the checks were payable had moved, leaving no forwarding addresses or the addresses originally given were incomplete or erroneous or so illegibly written that they could not be properly deciphered.

Nearly half a million checks were mailed out in January and all possible expedition is being made to get all the addresses and other details correct so that the dependents of the soldiers and sailors will receive their allowances promptly and certainly.

TOM THUMB WEDDING

The children of Columbus will give an entertainment for the benefit of the Red Cross, at the V. M. C. A. on Tuesday evening, February 26th, beginning about 8 o'clock.

The entertainment lasts from one to one and one-half hours, and is our continuous performance the entire time. It is interspersed throughout with songs by the little people. For instance, Grandma Frank sings a solo, "I Cannot Sing the Old Song," and Grandma follows with "When You and I Were Young, Maggie." Later Grandma Michael sings "Silver Threads Among the Gold." At different parts of the evening, cousins of the bride sing "Oh Promise Me," "When I Dream of You," and "I Love You Truly." "I'd Love to Live in Loveland" is given at the last.

The preacher has a catchy little ceremony—not in any sense like the real one—but a funny little piece, made up for the occasion. On the whole, the entertainment is one continuous round of such clean, wholesome fun as only children can furnish, and everyone goes away refreshed and rested from witnessing it.

Admission: Adults, 50c; children, 25c. Everybody should come.

BILLIONS FOR DEFENSE

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will offer for subscription every two weeks between now and the opening of the next Liberty loan treasury certificates of indebtedness in amounts of five hundred million dollars or more. If all the banks of the country do their share, and it is contemplated that they will, three billion dollars of the certificates will be taken by them between now and the flotation of the next Liberty loan.

The raising of five hundred million dollars every two weeks seems a tremendous task, yet in relation to the banking resources of the United States it seems easy of accomplishment.

The resources of the National banks of the United States on November 30 last were more than eighteen and a half billion dollars and the resources of state banks and trust companies on June 30, 1917, were practically twenty-one billion.

The resources of both have increased since the dates named when the latest reports were made. The three billion expected by the secretary of the treasury is less than 10 per cent of the banking resources of the country.

The program was a varied one, the Twenty-fourth Infantry Band furnishing the music for the occasion. There were guests from both Deming and El Paso. From the former city, Colonel Schultz and wife, chaplain of the following: Misses Gertrude Schultz, Helen Smith, Lucile Holt, Ida Timm, Helen Thomas, Helen Bass, Juliette Bush and Pearl Brazill. From El Paso the guests were: Mesdames Stevens and Crouse, the Misses Crouse, Hecker, Heick, De Long, Schroeder, Hill, Brown, Earle and Payne.

The hop was very delightful, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

SPEED-BALL HAYDEN WINS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FROM ROCK BOXES

Twenty-fourth Infantryman had a share the best of practically every round of the 15 round bout Friday.

Speed-ball Hayden won the Colorado middleweight championship of the world by defeating Rock Boxes of Memphis, Tennessee, in a fifteen round battle at the Crystal Theatre here Friday evening. Hayden won on points, but he had a large margin to his credit. He did not appear to be hurt the least while the former champion had his face bled on to a jelly. The new champion is by far a better man than those in the opinion expressed by large numbers of the fans who witnessed the bout.

Rock's friends seemed to believe through the field that he was holding back with an idea that the speedball would wear himself out, but in this they were badly mistaken, the opposite apparently being the result. Hayden was as fresh at the last from appearances, and had the bout gone on would no doubt win by the knockout route.

Speed-ball never appeared to be in any danger, and was never on the floor, except in the seventh round when he was hit low, which was thought a foul, but it was decided not by the referee. Rock was knocked down twice and was saved from this fate two or three times more by landing against the ropes.

Harry Davis, Hayden's manager, has said ever since the match was arranged that his man would win, and it will also be remembered that he was the only one to prophesy that Hayden would win from Rufus Williams. The Speed-Ball is young and has had but little ring experience, but has shown that he has the stuff to turn that a good fighter is made of, and with experience will certainly be a winner.

Dick Monahan, a sporting writer of the El Paso Morning Times, was the third man in the ring, and is considered one of the best in the country.

There was considerable betting on the fight and odds were offered on Rock Boxes, though most bets were made even money. It was a great sporting event for Columbus, and without a doubt the best ever staged in the Southwest.

Hayden weighed in at 150 and the Tennessee at 151. Both men said they were in the very best of condition for the test a few hours before, and it is evident that they had been training very hard as each had thrown off several pounds of flesh since the agreement was made.

There were two preliminary bouts before the main event. Kid Young won a six round bout over Cass Parker, and Fighting McDaniel put Knockout Hecce out in the second round of a scheduled ten-rounder.

Every seat in the house was sold and it was noted that a large number of the officers of the camp were present, among them being Colonel Chase, the commanding officer of the camp.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HOP GIVEN BY THE OFFICERS OF TWENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY

On Thursday evening, February 21, the officers of the Twenty-fourth Infantry entertained at a George Washington Hop, in Muller Recreation Hall, which was rushed in construction to a stage bordering on completion for this purpose. The hall was tastefully decorated with American flags, large and small, relieved by ornaments of the Quartermaster Corps and Red Cross. The windows were draped in Infantry colors. About the first-place yucca was tastefully arranged, and mesquite was used for the decoration of the sides of the building.

The program was a varied one, the Twenty-fourth Infantry Band furnishing the music for the occasion. There were guests from both Deming and El Paso. From the former city, Colonel Schultz and wife, chaplain of the following: Misses Gertrude Schultz, Helen Smith, Lucile Holt, Ida Timm, Helen Thomas, Helen Bass, Juliette Bush and Pearl Brazill. From El Paso the guests were: Mesdames Stevens and Crouse, the Misses Crouse, Hecker, Heick, De Long, Schroeder, Hill, Brown, Earle and Payne.

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